

REMARKS

Status of the claims:

With the above amendments, claims 5 and 7 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9-12 are pending and ready for further action on the merits. Applicant inadvertently made a typographical error in claims 5 and 7.

The proposed changes do not add new matter nor do they raise any new issues. Accordingly, entry thereof is requested.

If any questions remain regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, T. Benjamin Schroeder (Reg. No. 50,990), in the Washington metropolitan area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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